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## Town to Celebrate 275th Anniversary

### Sponsors and Non-Profit Vendors Needed at Gorham Founders Festival

Sarah Gavett-Nielsen

The Town of Gorham will celebrate the 275th anniversary of its founding in an event entitled the Gorham Founder's Festival. The event, which will begin on the evening of Friday, May 27, and conclude on Monday, May 30, will take place on the Chick Property near Narragansett School. Dan LeVasseur, treasurer of the Festival, estimates the event will have a large turnout. Residents and visitors can look forward to carnival rides, courtesy of D&L Amusements, a headline performance on Saturday night by the band Motor Booty Affair, and the Memorial Day parade. The opening ceremonies will feature a speaker—Matt Zidle, a weather reporter for WMTW.

Sponsors are needed in order to make the festival a success. Key sponsors will be featured in all publications generated about the event. Anyone who would like to help sponsor the festival should contact LeVasseur by

telephone at 839-3079, or via e-mail at [treasurer@gorhamfoundersfestival.com](mailto:treasurer@gorhamfoundersfestival.com). As LeVasseur states, "It's a tough year for raising money and every little bit counts."

There will also be vendors at the event including the Gorham Football and Baseball Boosters, and other non-profit organizations. Any non-profit vendors wishing to contribute to the Founder's Festival should contact Vice Chair of the festival, Darryl Wright, via e-mail at [vendors@gorhamfoundersfestival.com](mailto:vendors@gorhamfoundersfestival.com). Wright will act as the point person throughout the duration of the festival and will coordinate all vendors and amusements. Wright has experience coordinating festivals, having coordinated Westbrook Days for the past few years. He is a Gorham resident, and his expertise will be invaluable as he works to provide Gorham with a successful event.

## Gorham Times 275th Commemorative Issue

**Be a part of history.** In conjunction with the Gorham Founder's Festival, The Gorham Times is planning a commemorative issue to celebrate Gorham's 275th anniversary. We are looking for pictures, articles and information pertinent to Gorham's history. Please contact us at [gtimes@maine.rr.com](mailto:gtimes@maine.rr.com) if you have something to share.

## Sidewalk Improvement Plan Closer to Reality

Bill Ambrose



Engineer Les Berry reviews the plans for the sidewalk improvement project, where he brick pavers along the side of Amato's will be replaced.

Photo credit Bill Ambrose

The plan to improve the appearance of the center of Gorham Village is a step closer to fruition with the development of documents needed to put the project out to bid. Encompassing the reconstruction of the sidewalks, curbs, and crosswalks, the project came about as a result of a Community Block Grant that the Town received in 2010.

At present, the concrete brick sidewalks at the intersection have deteriorated, the curbs are broken down or missing, and the concrete crosswalks are bumpy and uneven. As a result of these conditions, the downtown area has a run-down appearance.

At the January 5, 2010 meeting, the Town Council authorized the Town Manager to apply for a Community

Development Block Grant to renovate the sidewalks and curbs in the center of Gorham Village. The council appropriated \$51,150 for the matching amount for the grant, and an additional \$91,140 for improvements to the southwest corner of the intersection, which would not be covered by the grant.

Les Berry of the local engineering firm BH2M and Bob Burns, Gorham's public works director, worked together to determine the scope of the project within the funds available. In total, 862 feet of poured concrete sidewalks of varying widths will be provided, along with the same quantity of granite curbing. Curb cuts will bring the intersection into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

## Goodbye to Barrows' Greenhouses

Sherrie Fontaine

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Photo credit Martha T. Harris

Paul and Donna Allen will soon stop to smell the proverbial roses, even ones not grown by their family business, Barrows Greenhouse.

For the past 50 years, Paul Allen has gone to work each day doing what he loves - growing flowers. Paul and his wife, Donna, own Barrows Greenhouse located on Main Street. Last in line of their 100-year-old family tradition, Allen will close the greenhouse this June as they are the last members of the family available to run the business.

It can be unusual to find a business retaining its original name, much less one with continued operations throughout its long history in the same location. The business began in the late 1890's as a vegetable seedling enterprise owned

by the Hannaford family. A daughter married Roland (Cuke) Barrows, a baseball player for the Chicago White Sox and Maine Baseball Hall of Fame inductee. By 1905, Barrows Greenhouse began operations. At 44,000 square feet, it is one of the last of the glass greenhouse structures.

The greenhouse has provided wholesale cut-crops to local florist shops, contract sales to the City of Portland and the Turnpike Authority of Maine and its cash crops of poinsettias, geraniums and Easter lilies are well known. Their

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## Gorham Sightings

**Do you know where this photo**

**was taken?** Become part of the new visual trivia discussion on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/GorhamTimes](http://www.facebook.com/GorhamTimes)). The location of the sighting from the 3/4 issue was correctly identified as the auditorium seats in the Performing Arts Center (GPAC) at Gorham High School. Log on to Facebook to enter your best guess for this picture.

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# Letters to the Editor

Letters to the editor must be signed with a first and last name, typed or e-mailed and include a phone number. Submissions should be less than 300 words. Letters are solely the opinion of the writer and not that of the Gorham Times. They are published at the discretion of the Gorham Times and are subject to editing.

**Dear Gorham Times,**

How wonderful to live in such a supportive community. Last Friday Narragansett School delivered a collection of goods for the pantry. The children were so excited about the process of collecting. They made me proud of the way we are teaching our young people. The week before a Girl Scout troop from in town did a food drive at Hannaford and brought in about the same amount of goods.

Over the last three months, we have been blessed with help from several community and private sources. You are all great supporters of our neighbors who are unable to put adequate food on their tables.

We also are trying to improve our lines of communication. Our website is [www.gorhamfoodpantry.org](http://www.gorhamfoodpantry.org). We also have a Facebook page on which we keep a flow of information. We can be found at Gorham Food Pantry Friends.

We at the Pantry are grateful for the help and honored by your trust that we will be there when help is

needed.

*Fran Thurston Doucette, Director,  
Gorham Food Pantry*

**Dear Gorham Times,**

A story from San Francisco made national news recently. A member of the Board of Supervisors there is refusing to recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of regular meetings. But Jane Kim does stand during the Pledge, which is more than the majority of students at Gorham High School do.

The Pledge was restored at GHS, after illegally absent American flags were replaced two years ago. Since then, students by the hundreds have remained seated and silent during the Pledge. I have been the only person standing and reciting the Pledge in a room full of two dozen students many times.

I do not believe this is what Gorham parents and taxpayers intended when they demanded a greater respect for the American flag in our schools.

State law requires the superintendent to report on the need for flags each year to the School Committee, yet some rooms still lack flags.

State law also requires teachers to promote respect for the flag among students. What are the odds that every student in a classroom has a conscientious objection to standing and reciting the Pledge of Allegiance? I'd say slim to none. Yet I've seen classroom after classroom continue in this way. Seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen for more than two years. And while all students were advised of their constitutional right not to say the Pledge, I've also seen teachers suddenly rush to compel their students to stand and recite when a visitor is present.

I have asked School Committee members to consider ways to meet the requirements of state law and the expectations of the citizens who elected them. Now let's talk to our kids to ensure a school culture that better reflects our community.

*Suzanna Ennis*

## around town

**Jon Smith of Great Falls Builders** purchased the building that formerly housed Bella Donna.

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## NEWS FROM AUGUSTA

# Misperceptions about Maine's Safety Net Programs

Rep. Linda Sanborn

**M**aine's economy has changed and hard-working families are falling through the cracks.

These tough times are driving more Mainers into poverty. We must reevaluate and restructure safety net programs to respond to the challenges of today's economy.

In order to reevaluate, we need to know the facts. These are complex issues and we need to be thoughtful about ways to improve these programs. Jobs and opportunities are scarce. Most people getting help, like the rest of us, would much rather be working than getting help. Instead of blaming people, we should make changes so that working families are not penalized for having a job.

The facts are that 70% of the people who receive assistance do so for less

than a year. Only 4% receive help for five or more years, and the majority of that 4% are permanently disabled.

A family of three receiving TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) can get at most \$485 per month, which is 68% below the federal poverty level. The benefits in Maine are the least generous in New England and less generous than half of the states in the country. Less than 1% of all 2010 recipients of public benefits came to Maine from another state. From 2008 through July of 2010, nearly twice as many aid recipients left Maine each month compared to the number who moved to Maine.

TANF protects children. Currently, TANF prevents nearly 25,000 Maine children from going without basic needs like housing, food and heat.

Maine has the third highest rate of "very low food insecurity" in the nation. 1 in 5 children struggles with hunger in Maine.

Research conducted by the University of New England and University of Maine at Orono, challenge the stereotypes about poor families. They found that despite the extreme challenges faced by these families, they have a strong desire and commitment toward improving the lives of their children and themselves. The major reasons that families apply for TANF are work instability in low-wage jobs, illness and disability, and family related problems including divorce, separation or domestic violence.

As we reevaluate how to restructure our safety net programs, we need to understand why families turn to TANF in the first place and what it will take to help them succeed. Good policy choices, like the Parents as Scholars program, which offers parents who qualify for TANF the opportunity to pursue higher education, have paid off for Maine families. This program not only increases the wages of the graduates by nearly 50% and allows the graduates to leave welfare behind permanently; college participation has raised their children's aspirations as well, putting an end to persistent poverty for generations to come.

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# Shares Available at Local Farm

**Plowshares Community Farm Begins Offering Shares for the 2011 Harvest** Jackie Francis

Does the idea appeal to you to have plenty of fresh and locally grown vegetables, herbs and fruit on your table each week? How about some fresh cut flowers? “Fresh” and “local” meaning Certified Naturally Grown (CNG), right off the farm, fresh. Plowshares Community Farm on Sebago Lake Road in Gorham (1/2 mile south of White Rock Free Baptist Church) has an interesting offer for residents of the Greater Gorham area.

Steven and Amy Bibula are the new property owners of this 40-acre farm off Route 237 and are offering shares in the 2011 harvest. By purchasing a share in the harvest for \$498, Plowshares Community Farm will provide you with high quality produce through the summer months and into the fall. Farmer Steven, as he calls himself, says the farm will offer about 20 weekly distributions of fresh, delicious CNG vegetables. “As a CNG farm, we farm according to the CNG standards, which mirror the National Organic Program,” says Bibula. “CNG encourages folks to buy direct from their local farms, without those farms having to go through the extra expense of ‘organic’ certification.”

Every week there will be plenty of newly picked vegetables from which to choose. Members go to the farm and pick out the vegetables they want from what has been harvested that day— “a convenient buffet-style, on

farm pick-up.” With over 40 types of fruit and vegetables from which to choose, share members will find it easy to fill their bags according to their tastes.

In addition to the weekly array of fresh veggies and fruit harvested for you, a share in the farm will offer a pick-your-own (PYO) option, allowing members to pick extra crops when available. According to Farmer Steven, the PYO crops will be announced to members on a weekly basis via email and will be clearly indicated when visiting the farm. “Raspberries, beans, peas, cherry and sauce tomatoes, flowers and herbs are generally available as PYO when in season,” says Farmer Steven, “and there is no extra cost for pick-your-own.” Bonus distributions will be available of especially bountiful crops throughout the season and into the fall, and a limited number of “workshare exchanges” will be offered for those wishing to pay for their produce by working the land. Four hours of farm work per week will be exchangeable for each week’s “share.” A share provides vegetables throughout the growing season for approximately four people on a mixed diet or two vegetarians.

A New York native, Farmer Steven’s formal training began in 1994 while holding an apprenticeship with David Inglis, a trained bio-dynamic farmer who practiced Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) at the oldest CSA



Waiting for the snow to melt, Steven and Amy Bibula from Plowshares Community Farm on Sebago Lake Rd. (above) are anxious to till the soil and begin planting vegetables, fruit, herbs, and flowers for share members.

in the country—Mahaiwe Harvest in the Berkshires of Massachusetts. Farmer Steven managed farms in New York, owned his own farm enterprise in Connecticut and, until recently, managed Sunrise Acres Farm in Cumberland.

Farmers Steven and Amy are anxious for the nutrient-rich snow to melt so they can start plowing fields on their new farm. “We chose Gorham because it’s a healthy, stable growing population and we value the community neighborhood feel,” says Bibula. Plowshares Community Farm guarantees to be “good stewards of the land” and looks forward to a relationship

with share members.

An April 15 deadline to purchase shares for the 2011 harvest is necessary to determine acreage to be farmed. If interested or for more information call 239-0442 or write to sbibula@maine.rr.com. Visit them at www.localharvest.org.

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## @ Your Library Peggy Marchand



Photo courtesy of Roger Marchand

**Public Services Librarian James Rathbun and Trustee President Linda Frinsko** prepare for the Baxter Memorial Library's "Baxter, Books, and Bountiful Bites... a Home-cooked Literary Feast" Fundraiser. Tickets now on sale at the library.

**B**ooks, they say, offer readers "food for thought." This time, though, books will promise a wonderful meal! Baxter Memorial Library is excited to announce a series of fabulously delicious meals to be served at homes across Gorham during the month of April as part of the library's "Baxter, Books, and Bountiful Bites, A Home-Cooked Literary Feast." Each meal will feature food and fun related to a book selected by the host.

And guess who is invited to share one of the meals? You and your friends, of course! All you have to do is select your favorite meals from the menu, choose a date, purchase your ticket, and arrive ready for a wonderful repast! Guests can choose to read the book, but aren't obliged to do so. After all, it's a party, not a book discussion! Plan to meet both new friends and old ones while enjoying an inspired menu.

Tickets are \$25 per person per meal and are available at the library along with descriptions of each book and menu. There are a limited number of tickets available for each meal.

Proceeds will benefit the library's Centennial Endowment Fund, the interest of which provides books and DVDs for circulation. The Friends of Baxter Library and the Board of Trustees are sponsoring this new fundraising event and hope to make it an annual one. For more information, please call BML at 839-5031, [pturner@msln.net](mailto:pturner@msln.net) or visit their website at [www.baxterlibrary.org](http://www.baxterlibrary.org).

### "Cents for our Second Century" Adding Up

Baxter Memorial Library has collected to date:

45,848 Pennies  
4,391 Nickels  
6,100 Dimes  
4,091 Quarters  
**Total: \$2,310.78**

If you would like to donate your spare change to purchase new books and other items, toss them in the boxes near the living mural at Baxter Memorial Library.

## Real Estate Transfers December 2010

Location	Buyer	Seller	Price
Longfellow Rd.	Susan S. Sato	Timothy Valeriani	\$9,000
15 Cedar Circle	Deborah Mahoney	Kimberly Albaum	\$65,900
81 Wagner Farm Rd.	Robert Lavoie	Thomas Strumph	\$235,000
415 South St.	Susan Fuson	William McMakin	\$290,500
42 Fillion's Way	I. Nissanka & K. Clark	Grandview, LLC	\$280,000
10 Goodall Rd.	Howard Tucker	Peter Ward	\$133,000
180 Main St.	180 Main St. LLC	David Brown	\$644,625
511 Main St.	Down East Realty Trust	SB Holdings	\$1,860,000
734 Fort Hill Rd.	Laura McDonald	Amik Properties LLC	\$232,500
12 Bouchard Dr.	Kim Meggison-Dyer	Michael Guernsey	\$235,000
8 Twilight Ln.	Brendan & Lisa Gow	Maynerd Hicks	\$350,000
8 Timothy Dr.	Jon & Julia Cunningham	STJ, Inc.	\$228,250
12 Black Brook Rd.	Alena & Bruce Barnes	Joan & William Wood	\$270,000
60 Day Rd.	Jason & Heather Gaudreau	Rebecca Gordon	\$280,000
26 Wolf River Run	Arleen & Barry Weiss	KSD Development	\$290,000
18 Green St.	William Kilroy	Brian Key	\$170,000
16 Wolf River Run	Vickie & Albert Evans	KSD Development	\$325,400
104 Narragansett St.	Roberta Gagne	Jennifer Wheeler	\$187,000
54 Quincy Dr.	Lisa & Ben Conway	Jason Gaudreau	\$402,500
10 Ledge Hill Rd.	Ursula Gates	Yolanda Marzul	\$297,500
5 Blueberry Ln.	Jennie Corkum	Gilbert Homes, Inc.	\$220,000
12 Wagner Farm Rd.	Cushing, A. & Ekowicki, R. S	Sebago Developers, Inc.	\$259,900
165 Flagg Meadow Rd.	Robbins, M. & G.	Roberta Gagne	\$238,500
50 Gray Rd.	Atkinson, M & Mazaris, K	Matthew Wood	\$239,900

## Town Council Report

**March 1, 2011** Robin Somes

**C**hairman Matthew Robinson opened the March 1 Town Council Meeting. Attendees included Councilors Brenda Caldwell, Matthew Mattingly, Noah Miner, Michael Phinney, John Pressey, Town Manager David Cole and Town Clerk Christina Silberman. Councilor Phillip Gagnon was absent due to the delivery of his first child.

- Representative Jane Knapp's reported:
- Anthem, Maine's largest private health insurer, is proposing rate hike increases. Public hearings will be held on March 14 (University of Maine), and March 22 (USM).
  - The Office of the State Treasurer's unclaimed property list is available at [www.maine.gov/treasurer/unclaimed\\_property](http://www.maine.gov/treasurer/unclaimed_property).
  - Central Maine Power Tree Care Program will improve electricity delivery. Details are available at [www.cmpco.com](http://www.cmpco.com).

- Town Council actions included:
- A proposed request to Gorham's State Legislative Delegation was approved to maintain the current funding Revenue Sharing law and restore the Maine/municipality partnership in order to prevent diversion of funds from the State Revenue Sharing program. According to proposal details, the State Revenue Sharing program represents \$1,679,000 for Gorham this year, helping to minimize local property taxes. However, the State's proposed budget will divert these funds to help offset its own budget issues, with an estimated \$545,723 from Gorham. Other proposed changes would continue to reduce State Revenue Sharing funds, compromising future property taxes. (4 years, 2 nays [Mattingly & Miner])
  - A proposal was approved to amend Gorham's Personnel Policy Ordinance regarding compensation time so that employees who earn excessive overtime due to storm events and who have already accumulated 40 hours compensation time, may accumulate up to an additional 40 hours. (6 yeas)
  - Voted 6-0 for Board and Committee 3-year appointments:
    - Planning Board: Christopher Hickey, Corey Theriault
    - Gorham Economic Development Corporation: Richard Carter, Daniel Willett, Jack Donovan, Arthur Handman
    - Parks and Conservation Commission: Anne Dunbar, Claudia Stanley
    - Board of Assessment Review: Melinda Shain, Anne Dunbar (alternate)
    - Recycling Committee: Steven Wiggins, Christine Gammarsh

- Fair Hearing Board: Philip Shearman
- Board of Health: Linda Sanborn
- Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Sewer Appeals: Joseph Gwozdz, Stephen Scontras
- Board of Trustees-Baxter Memorial Library: Mary Collins, Patricia Weeks, Susan Emerson

In Town Council communications:

- Councilor Phinney reported:
  - The Turf Field Committee intends to have recommendations for a turf field by April.
  - The Wind Power Ordinance is close to finalization.
- Councilor Pressey reported:
  - The board and committee appointment recommendations will be reviewed.
  - The Board of Assessment Review, the Recycling Committee, and the Fair Hearing Board still need volunteers.
- Councilor Mattingly reported:
  - Any citizens concerned about Central Maine Power's smart meters should contact the Public Utilities Commission.
  - This year's Gorham Marketplace will be held on March 26. The event showcases local products and is an excellent opportunity to support Gorham businesses.
- Councilor Caldwell reported:
  - The Finance Committee reviewed income and expenditure reports, and a draft fund balance policy. The upcoming budget and Governor LePage's proposed cuts to revenue sharing were reviewed and discussed.

Town Manager David Cole reported:

- The Town will have a booth at the Gorham Marketplace.
- Gorham will assume rescue billing for Westbrook.

Chairman Robinson reported that Ecomaine awarded the 2011 Ecoexcellence Award to Nappi Distributors for their recycling and energy efficiency efforts.

School Committee Chairman Dennis Libby reported:

- Governor LePage's budget includes an increase to General Purpose Aid.
- Gorham High School will participate in a research project by the Maine Education Policy Research Institute to better understand higher performance and more efficient public schools in Maine due to GHS's success.

# living

## Being Well Linda Morris

**M**editation is being practiced by more and more people for a variety of reasons, including general wellness. The term meditation refers to a group of techniques, such as mantra meditation, relaxation response, mindfulness meditation, and Zen Buddhist meditation. Most meditative techniques are rooted in Eastern religious or spiritual traditions and have been used by many different cultures throughout the world for thousands of years. Today, many people use meditation outside of its traditional religious or cultural setting to promote health and well-being.

Simply put, in meditation, a person learns to focus their attention. Some forms of meditation instruct the practitioner to become mindful of thoughts, feelings, and sensations and to observe them in a nonjudgmental way. During meditation, one might pay attention to sounds they are hearing, to the feeling of their body touching the surface on which they are sitting, and to what they can see in their line of vision. The practice of meditation has been shown to result in a state of greater calmness, physical relaxation and psychological balance. Meditation can change how a person relates to the flow of thoughts and emotions and also can impact how they handle stress.

Beginning meditators usually find it difficult to focus their attention and mistakenly believe that the goal is to empty their mind of all thought. In reality, meditation is more about relaxing and observing what the mind does. To quote *Breakfast With Buddha*, a novel by Roland Merulio, the author describes one of his first attempts to meditate: "... my mind became a combination of circus/symphony/rock concert. Seven television stations on at once, in the same small room. Grand Central Station but with a band marching through it now, advertisements being read aloud, the babbling of fifty voices." Many people get frustrated at this point and abandon efforts to meditate.

With the hectic pace and demands of life today, many people feel stressed, overworked and overwhelmed. It often feels like there is not enough time in the day to get everything done, let alone find the time to stop and meditate. Multitasking is so commonplace that we forget how to do one thing at a time. Our stress and tiredness can make us unhappy, impatient and frustrated. It can even affect our health. But meditation can actually give you more time by making your mind calmer and more focused so daily tasks and events become more enjoyable and more quickly accomplished.

In over 1,000 published research studies - some scientifically rigorous and some not - various methods of meditation have been linked to changes in metabolism, blood pressure, brain activation, and other bodily processes. (A.B. Newberg & J. Iversen 2003).

Meditation has also been used in clinical settings as a method of stress and pain reduction. Jon Kabat-Zinn, professor of medicine emeritus and founding director of the Stress Reduction Clinic and the Center for Mindfulness in Medicine, Health Care, and Society at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, scientifically demonstrated that the benefits of mindfulness practice include an increase in the body's ability to heal and a shift from a tendency to use the right prefrontal cortex to using the left. This shift is associated with a trend away from depression and anxiety and towards happiness, relaxation, and emotional balance.

So relax, breathe, and find time for quiet meditation. It is good for you in so many ways.



*Linda Morris, owner of Gorham Massage and Wellness, is a licensed massage therapist with 10 years experience.*

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# School



"Nourishing Hope" cookbook cover.

## Nourishing Hope for Autism Awareness

Stacy Sallinen

Each day Alisha Johnson, a special education teacher at Narragansett School, and her team of educational technicians, Tori Folland, Susan Grygiel, Amalia Hanson and Paula Hansen, strive to make a difference in the lives of children and families affected by autism. The team is raising money and awareness for autism as a way to honor their students who inspire them to be compassionate, understanding, and to slow down and enjoy life.

Autism is a developmental disability that affects a person's ability to communicate and interact with others, and usually appears within the first three years of age. There are certain behaviors that fall on a spectrum, and it affects each person differently. One out of 110 children has a disorder that falls within the autism spectrum. It is not known what causes autism, but early intervention and support for families are very important.

Inspired by their love for cooking, the team collected over 150 recipes that they compiled into their cookbook called "Nourishing Hope," which is dedicated to their students and families. The cookbook includes a section

on appetizers, breads and muffins, soups and salads, entrees, side dishes, desserts and a gluten-free section. It also has a "Just for Fun" section for kids with non-edible recipes including "Slime." It also incorporates a section on "Ten Things Every Child with Autism Wants You to Know."

In addition, the team created over 100 pins from cardboard puzzle pieces, the symbol for autism awareness. Each pin has been uniquely hand-painted by students in the class.

As part of Autism Awareness month in April, the team hopes to make a significant donation to the Autism Society of America (ASA), which provides support, autism education, awareness, advocacy, research, and assists families living with autism. Proceeds from the sale of cookbooks and pins will be donated to the ASA.

Cookbooks can be purchased for \$10 per copy and include a hand-made pin. Each additional pin can be purchased for \$3. The team is currently taking orders. Anyone interested in purchasing items can contact Alisha Johnson at 222-1037 or alishj@gorham-schools.org.

## Gorham Middle School Geography Bee Winner

Jeffrey Carpenter

In January, the Gorham School District held its annual National Geographic Bee as part of a contest through the National Geographic Society. Twenty-five students from Gorham Middle School competed for a coveted spot to participate at the state level in Farmington on April 1.

The first rounds went fast until ten students remained, and the questions continued to be challenging. John Ennis, who won the geography bee for the previous two years, and Maxwell Johnson, a first timer to the bee, were the final two students left standing. Maxwell secured his spot in the state competition by answering two out three final questions correctly. One of the final questions asked was: "Tet is an important holiday celebrating the New Year in what country west of the Gulf of Tonkin?" Vietnam was the correct answer.

The night was exciting and several member of the community, parents, family and staff members attended



Photo credit Stacy Sallinen

Maxwell Johnson will be participating in the Maine State National Geographic Society's Geography Bee in April.

this exciting night of geography. Congratulations to Maxwell and the best of luck to him as he competes at Maine State National Geographic Bee.

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### Gorham's Got Talent Audition Call

Auditions will be held on Thursday, April 14 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the GMS auditorium. This competition is open to any member of the Gorham and surrounding communities, and to any age group. Singers, dancers, bands, comedians, magicians, etc. can audition for this is a family-oriented event. The first competition will be held on Saturday, May 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. and the finals will be held on Sunday May 15 from 4 to 6 p.m. If you are interested in auditioning or have questions, please contact Jeffrey Carpenter at 749-2837. This is a fundraising event for the GMS History Day Team and Gorham Arts Alliance. Prize monies and trophies will be awarded.

### Upcoming Gorham Adult Education Classes, Register NOW!

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#### Music Jam

8 classes on Thursdays, 3/31-5/26 (No class 4/21), 7-9 p.m., GMS, \$69

#### Intro to Digital Photography

Friday, 4/1, 6:30-8:30 p.m., GMS, \$16

Child Development Services of Cumberland County conducts screening of children suspected of having a disability who may require special education services on an ongoing basis. If you, or families with whom you work, would like to refer a child for screening, please contact:

**Child Development Services  
Cumberland County  
50 Depot Road  
Falmouth, Maine 04105**

(207) 781-8881 (phone)  
(207) 781-8855 (fax)

If you have any questions or would like assistance with this process, please contact the Gorham School Department, Office of Instructional Support, 75 South Street, Gorham, Maine 04038 or by calling 207-222-1002.

## Gorham Middle School Second Quarter Honor Roll 2010-11

<b>6th Grade High Honors</b>	Eric Lane Theodore Lockman Dylan Lockwood Keegan Luce Kaylea Lundin Julia Lyons Kayley Mason Angelina Meserve Isabelle Muehle Fiona Nee Taylor Nygren Miles Obrey Emily O'Donnell Athena Pappalardo Marina Pappalardo Kyle Peoples Kent Piazzola Haley Poitras Olivia Puopolo Kenneth Richard Tyler Richman Stella Rojceki Julia Roy Arianna Sapuan Alexander Scholz-Lague Alex Smith Ariana Smith Caroline Smith Michael Smith Nathanael Smith Samuella Spurr Karen Stemm Cameron Stevens Jacob Stevens Katherine Sullivan Connor Sweatt Erica Thibeault Justin Thompson Brittanie Tibbetts John Towle Evelyn Turnbaugh Blake Wallace Dylan Weeks Cameron Wright Emily Yager Alex York	Olivi Bell Tyler Bernier Ahmed Beshir Emily Bragg Daniel Brann Thomas Brent Kevin Brewer Gerek Brown Mallory Campbell Alexander Candemlo Chelsea Caron Sydney Caron Amber Cavarretta Bryan Conover Nicole Couillard Zachary Crockett Rebecca Cupps Jennifer Darasz Sara Darling Taylor Day Renee Deering Sygan DeLeon Jennifer Devine Madeleine DeWitt Cooper Donovan Sierra Doyle Emily Duff Caitlyn Duffy Gemma Dufour Eleanor Feinberg Sarah Flanders Natasha Fogg Emerson Fox Morgan Freeman Joseph Gallant Connor Goodall Colin Gotschlich Isabella Griffin Christopher Hayward Dane Heckathorn Maeghan Higgins Claudia Ingalls Alexandra Johnson Collin Jones Sarah Jordan Mia Kaufman Carson Kusckke Cassidy Landry Kyle Latronico Nikolas Lieberum Matthew McCarty Molly Merrifield Hannah Meserve Chatham Nagy Madison Ochse Marlo Pappalardo Robert Pellerin Corbin Pierce Nathaniel Rines Dylan Rogers William Ruby William Selens Angela Sills Allison Sinnett Malcolm Smith Lyndsey Sobieralski Rachael Stewart Elizabeth Sullivan Maeve Terry Jason Tracey Kalli Verrill Nicole Walls Robert Weisman Connor White Alex Young	Emily Lewis Jeffrey McNally Thomas Pequinot Emily Peterson Julie Pike Mikayla Richman Charlotte Smith Julia Smith Timothy Sposato Andrea Stemm Katherine Stickney Jacob Sturgis Michael Susi Thomas Susi Zoe Swift Madison Tippetts Jordan Ward Autumn Weed Michaela Williams Ashley Woodbury Andrew York
<b>Grade 6 Honors</b>	<b>Grade 7 High Honors</b>	<b>Grade 8 Honors</b>	
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## Cheverus High School Honor Roll

### First Semester Honor Roll 2010-11

<b>Grade 9 High Honors</b> Alexander Barris	<b>Grade 10 High Honors</b> Ian Lawson Mina Para	<b>Grade 11 Honors</b> Alissandra Saxton
<b>Grade 9 Honors</b> James Biegel Sarah MacLeod Damian Smith Joseph Smith Alexandra Walker	<b>Grade 10 Honors</b> Trebora Lawton	<b>Grade 12 Honors</b> Emily Kurz Joseph LaStoria Colin Walker

## Gorham High School Second Quarter Honor Roll 2010-11

<b>Grade 9 High Honors</b>	Kyle Robida Joshua Slater Timothy Smith Rozada Spiers Michelle Staples Lauren Stiles Lydia Story Sophia Swiatek Dylan Truong Katie Tucker Dylan Turner Owen Whitehead Lukas Willoughby Owen Wright	Kevin Lubelczyk Olivia Marshburn-Ersek Aryn Martin Nathan Moody Jesse Orach Osna Sayed Alexandra Sturgis Nicole Sutherland Ellyn Touchette Bradley Turnbaugh Kiersten Turner Lia Van de Krol Lisa Wong Larissa Worster	Paige Weymouth Dylan Whitaker Amelia Whitten
<b>Grade 10 High Honors</b>	<b>Grade 11 Honors</b>	<b>Grade 12 High Honors</b>	
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# GHS Theatre Students Win Regional Competition



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**Congratulations to the GHS One-Act, *Elephant's Graveyard*.** Gorham High School took first place for Class A at the 80th Annual Maine Principals' Association Regional Drama Competition at Morse High School March 11-12 for their One-Act play, *Elephant's Graveyard*, under the direction of Eileen Avery. Gorham also received a Special Commendation for Ensemble Acting. Megan Mitchell received a Special Commendation for Set Design. Tyler Patten won a Special Commendation for Lighting Design. In addition, Nathaniel Dombek, Quincy Owens and Lia Van de Krol were named to the All Festival Cast. State Final Competition will be held at Camden Hills Regional High School on March 25-26.

**An encore performance** will be held Friday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the McCormack Performing Arts Center at Gorham High School to raise money to help finance the trip to the State Competition in Camden. \$4 for students and seniors and \$6 for general admission. Large donations gratefully accepted. :)

# Narragansett School Holds Family Wellness Night

Beverly Gava



Photo credit Stacy Sallinen

**Above: Hannah Gawlick, Maya Lee, Adele Nadeau, Grant Nadeau, and Madeline Keene performed Irish step dances as a way of staying active.**



Photo credit Kim Phinney

**Left: Lucas and Eli Castles learn about the importance of seat belt safety from Officer Sanborn and Buckle Bear.**

## Gorham East-West Corridor Feasibility Study Final Public Meeting

**A three-pronged solution encourages growth and eases congestion**

Projections show that 35,000 new homes and 25,000 new jobs will locate in the area west of Portland over the next 25 years.

As the fastest-growing residential region in Maine, this area is already subject to increasing traffic congestion, decreasing traffic safety and loss of rural character.

Over the past 18 months, the Gorham East-West Corridor Feasibility Study, a major transportation-land use study focused on Gorham, Westbrook, Scarborough and South Portland, has been examining the problems this growth could bring – and developing possible solutions.



Surprisingly, the answer is more than just widening or building roads. Planning more carefully for development and adding a strong transit system will help to keep traffic congestion under control and retain the area's remaining rural character. Full recommendations will be available in the draft Study Report as of March 16 at [www.gorhamcorridor.com](http://www.gorhamcorridor.com).

Please plan to attend the final public meeting on this groundbreaking study to find out how these recommendations can be implemented.

**Tuesday, March 22, 2011**  
6pm – 8pm  
Westbrook High School  
City Council Chamber/ Room 114



For questions regarding the meeting, please contact **Carol Morris** at **207.329.6502** or **cmorris@morriscomm.net**

On February 16, Partners in Education (PIE) sponsored the third annual Narragansett Family Wellness night. Narragansett students and their families participated in numerous activities including karate, Jukado, dance and exercise demonstrations. Community representatives with an emphasis in health or wellness were on hand to share tips and ideas to develop healthy habits.

Cathryn Falwell, local author of the book "Scoot," led snowshoeing participants on a story-walk adventure. Skating enthusiasts enjoyed a beautiful night skating under the stars. Children were surprised by visits from Crusher, the Red Claws mascot; Buckle Bear, the Gorham Safety spokes-bear; and Redy, the 5-2-1-0 mascot. Over 200 Narragansett families enjoyed a light-hearted evening of wellness education.



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## 14th Annual Gorham Marketplace

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The 14th Annual Gorham Marketplace will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 26 at USM's Costello Field House.

Marketplace 2011 will showcase quality products and services available in the Gorham area. Every year thousands of shoppers visit Marketplace to eat, enjoy local talent, sign up for vendor prizes, receive cost savings on show specials, and have a chance to win cash prizes raffled during the day.

Many vendors have signed up to take part in Gorham Marketplace 2011. This year's event offers a food

court that includes a Sebago Brewing Beer Garden. The Boy Scouts will accept old flags for proper disposal. As always, presentations and entertainment are scheduled throughout the day. These activities, along with a fun kids' area sponsored by LifeChurch make it an enjoyable daylong family and community event. The two cash drawings will be drawn at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and you must be present to win. The event starts at 10 a.m. with an opening flag procession and continues all day until 3:00 p.m. Admission is free.

## Sidewalk FROM PAGE 1

Additional sidewalks and curbing will be placed on South Street as far as the Robie Gym and on State Street to number 28, the old movie theater building. At press time, the exact nature of the materials for the new crosswalks had not been determined.

Berry believes that the traffic congestion in the intersection will be a factor in the construction process.

Since the project will entail regrading the roadways to improve drainage, it will be necessary to close lanes and control traffic in other ways. The presence of a police officer will probably be required at certain times.

It is anticipated that the bid process will take several weeks, and that construction would commence shortly afterwards, weather permitting.

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# sports

## GHS Winter Sports Wrap-Up – Part I

Compiled by Jeff Pike

In this issue, the Gorham Times presents wrap-ups of the GHS cheerleader, girls' indoor track, boys' indoor track, girls' basketball and boys' hockey teams. Look for boys' basketball, girls' hockey, boys' skiing and girls' skiing in the next issue of the Gorham Times.

### CHEERLEADERS

**Season Results:** Finished seventh in the SMAA Conference Championship and tenth in the Western Maine Class A Regional. Placed third in the Scarborough Invitational and eighth in the Oxford Hills Cheer-from-the-Heart competition.

**Graduating Seniors:** Elizabeth Rockett, James Cameron Cupps, Sean Dongo, Kylie Duggan, Molly Aube, Leah Keene, Katie Gerry and Bri Nee.

**Individual Accomplishments:** Sophomore Amanda Foster stepped up and learned to be a flyer to replace junior Abbey Brown who broke her ankle. Junior Brittany Grant and senior Leah Keene stepped in on base stunts to replace Emilee Esty, a junior who also broke her ankle.

**Coach Comments:** "This was a tough season for us due to the many injuries of our top cheerleaders, and it had an effect on our scoring and placement," said head coach Julie Dvilinsky. "We did, however, end our season strong with at the Scarborough competition. My hopes are for the athletes to continue working on tumbling during our off season and to attend a stunting camp in the summer to boost up our stunting skills."

### GIRLS' INDOOR TRACK

**Season Results:** Finished regular season 6-7 and then placed ninth in the SMAA Conference Meet and tenth in the Class A State Meet.

**Graduating Senior:** Jen Thuotte.

**Highlight of the Season:** Team dinners and the snow tubing trip with the boys' team, which created a lot of camaraderie and fun.

**Individual Accomplishments:** Sarah Perkins was league champion in the 300 meters and second in the senior 45-yard hurdles. At the Class A State Meet, she finished first in the 55-meter hurdles, fifth in the 55-meter dash and seventh the 200-meter

dash. She also placed 13th in the New England 55-meter hurdles.

**Coach Comments:** "We had an excellent regular season," said head coach John Caterina. "Indoor track is usually a game of numbers, and this was shown by how we beat the teams with similar sized rosters and lost to the bigger schools. The girls worked very hard and showed improvement throughout the season. With only one graduating senior, we look to be very competitive next season."

### BOYS' INDOOR TRACK

**Season Results:** Finished regular season 5-7 and then placed eighth in the SMAA Conference Championship and 18th in the Class A State Meet.

**Graduating Seniors:** Kam Alexander and Ben Besanko.

**Individual Accomplishments:** Jesse Orach was conference champion in the two mile and finished 13th in the New Englands; Julian Nijkamp broke the junior hurdles school record; Nate Bucknell broke the 600-yard school record; and Cam Willette improved by nearly eight feet in the shot put from last year.

**Coach Comments:** "Our team was more successful this year than last year, and with only two seniors graduating, I am optimistic that next year will be even better," said head coach Jason Tanguay. "We had many new faces come out for indoor track, and many of them contributed to our wins in team scoring. Our team is made up of many hard working individuals, so I am excited to watch what level they could reach next season."

### GIRLS' BASKETBALL

**Season Results:** Finished regular season 14-4 and ranked third in Western Maine Class A. Defeated Windham in the Western Maine tournament quarterfinals before losing to eventual state champion McAuley in

## intheZone

**GHS Juniors Among The Best in New England Track:** Juniors Sarah Perkins and Jesse Orach both participated in New England Indoor Track Championship March 5 in Boston. Perkins ran in the girls' 55-meter hurdles with a time of 8.88 to place 13th out of 36 competitors. Orach also placed 13th—out 36 in the boys' two-mile with a time of 9:52.92, his best time of the season and the second-best time among all Maine runners this season.

**Top Conference Skiers:** In the SMAA Skiing Conference Championships, several Gorham athletes placed among the top 25 led by Marissa Roberts, who finished first in the girls' giant slalom and second in the slalom. Other top finishers in the girls' races included Danielle Rivard, 14th in the slalom; Sarah Moir, 18th in the slalom and 19th in the giant slalom; Michelle Ramsey, 22nd in the giant slalom and 24th in the slalom. In the boys' competition, Tom Moutinho finished 17th in the giant slalom and 22nd in the slalom.

**Gorham Swimmers Place at State Meet:** Three Gorham swimmers earned points in the Class A State Meet February 21-22 at Bowdoin College. In the girls' competition, Lindsey Thomsen finished fourth in the 100-yard backstroke and ninth in the 50-yard freestyle while Ashley Clark finished seventh in the 500-yard freestyle and 15th in the 200-yard freestyle. The performance by the two girls was good enough to place Gorham 16th out of 27

schools in the competition. In the boys' competition, Max Storer earned points by finishing tenth in the 100-yard backstroke.

### College Football All-Academic:

Brian Keahon, (GHS '07) was named to the New England Football Conference All-Academic team at Fitchburg State University along



Photo credit Teresa Keahon

with 11 teammates. To be eligible, student-athletes must have 3.0 cumulative grade point average or better with three completed semesters.

### College Field Hockey All-Academic:

Emma Deans (GHS '07) was one of eight University of Maine-Farmington field hockey players named to the National Field Hockey Coaches Association's Division III Academic Squad for achieving a cumulative GPA of 3.30 or higher through the first semester of the 2010-2011 academic year.

**Basketball All-Stars:** GHS senior girls' basketball players Mia Rapolla, Natalie Egbert and Alyssa Clark all participated in the SMAA Conference Senior All-Star Game March 9 at Deering High School. Rapolla also participated in the March 12 Maine McDonald's All-Star Game that featured the best players from across the state at Husson University in Bangor.

the semifinals at the Cumberland County Civic Center.

**Graduating Seniors:** Mia Rapolla, Natalie Egbert, Alyssa Clark.

**Individual Accomplishments:** Clark was 10th in the conference in field goal percentage and started 50 games in her varsity career while Egbert started 69 games in her varsity career. Rapolla was second in conference scoring, fifth in rebounding, first in steals, and fourth in free throw percentage. She started 56 games in her varsity career and had 454 points on the season. Freshman Jessica Rexrode started all 20 games.

### Team Highlights/Accomplishments:

Playing three games on three consecutive nights February 3-5, the Rams defeated Biddeford, Cheverus, and McAuley to move up to a third-place ranking in Western Maine Class A; defeated Windham in the tournament quarterfinals behind a 34-point performance from Mia Rapolla that Coach Laughn Berthiaume said ranks with the greats in tournament history.

**Coach Comments:** "The 2010-2011 version of the Gorham Rams was extremely exciting," said Berthiaume. "We increased our scoring, averaging almost 52 points per game, and we still focused a lot of our energy on the defensive end. The third seed in the tournament is the highest seed since I took over in 2007, and the win over Windham at the Expo is our first playoff win in that time. We won our 15 games by an average of 18 points per game, and our five losses were by an average of six

points per game. We were very competitive in every single game, and we sustained a great effort over the course of the season. Our senior leadership was excellent, and it was a major reason for our success. For next year, it will be sad to see this year's seniors leave because they have all made a huge impact on the program, but I am very excited about returning so many solid players and potential all-stars. We seem to have a good balance of inside and outside play as well as players who are versatile offensively and defensively."

### BOYS' HOCKEY

**Season Results:** Finished regular season 6-12, ranked 13th in Western Maine Class A.

**Graduating Seniors:** Steven Broy and Connor Smith.

**Highlight of the Season:** Defeated Noble (which was 12-1 at the time) on the road in OT and finished the season with an 8-2 win over Cony.

**Coach Comments:** "This season was full of very close games," said head coach Jon Portwine. "All but five of our 18 games were decided by a one or two-goal margin. Most of the twelve losses were in dramatic fashion. For next year, the future is very bright. We lose two terrific young men in Broy and Smith but should gain a talented group of five or six freshmen. With the number of minutes played at the varsity level by returning players, we should be able to turn those close losses this season to wins next year."



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# GHS Winter Sports Awards

## SMAA ALL-CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

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**Boys' Indoor Track:** Jesse Orach, Two Mile; Troy Lambert, Pole Vault; Kam Alexander, High Jump.

**Girls' Basketball:** Mia Rapolla, First Team and All-Defensive Team; Natalie Egbert, Honorable Mention; Jessica Rexrode, All-Rookie Team; Alyssa Clark, Senior All Star.

**Boys' Basketball:** Carter Bowers, Honorable Mention.

**Boys' Ice Hockey:** Steven Broy, Connor Smith, Nate Holloran.

**Girls' Ice Hockey:** Samantha Grant, Honorable Mention.

**Cheering:** James Cameron Cupps, First Team; Amanda Foster, Second Team.

**Girls' Skiing:** Marissa Roberts

**Boys' Skiing:** Tom Moutinho

Clark, Coach's Award.

**Girls' Hockey:** Rachel Litif, MVP; Hanna Hamblen, Most Dedicated; Samantha Grant, Coach's Award.

**Boys' Hockey:** Connor Smith, Coach's Award; Steven Broy, Coach's Award; Nate Goodrich, Coach's Award.

**Skiing:** Tom Moutinho, Top Male Skier; Marissa Roberts, Top Female Skier; Michelle Ramsey, Coach's Award.

**Swimming:** Rebecca Auger, Coach's Award; Ashley Clark, Co-MVP; Lindsey Thomsen, Co-MVP.

**Cheering:** Sean Dongo, Most Improved; Amanda Foster, Most Dedicated; Molly Aube, Coach's Award.

**Boys' Basketball:** Andy Turner, Hardest Worker; Jeremy Earl, Team Player Award; Tyler Strout, Coach's Award.

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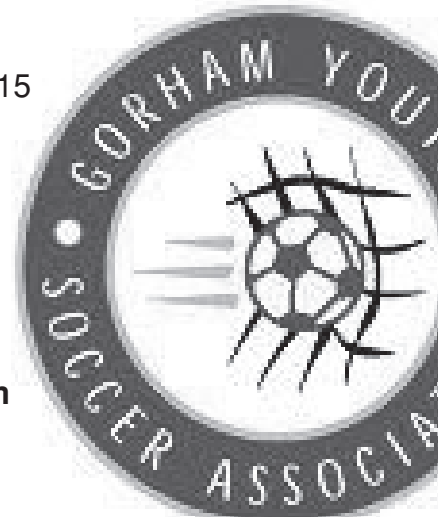
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## SMAA ALL-ACADEMIC SELECTIONS

**Boys' Skiing:** Tom Moutinho

**Boys' Basketball:** Zach Speirs

**Girls' Basketball:** Grace Sunnell, Caroline Fogarty

**Girls' Hockey:** Sarah Vail, Sara Harvey, Hanna Hamblen

## TEAM ACHIEVEMENT PLAQUES

**Boys' Indoor Track:** Jesse Orach, Coach's Award; Cam Willette, Most Improved; Nate Bucknell, Outstanding Newcomer.

**Girls' Indoor Track:** Sarah Perkins, Outstanding Performer; Leanna Dalfonso, Most Improved; Deireann Stillson, Coach's Award.

**Girls' Basketball:** Mia Rapolla, MVP; Natalie Egbert, Coach's Award; Alyssa



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## GMS Sports Awards

### GMS Winter Sports Award

**Recipients:** Gorham Middle School recently presented winter sports awards to five student-athletes. Pictured above, front row from left to right: Erika Heddeshimer, Cheerleading Ram Award; Emily Lewis, eighth-grade girls' basketball Ram Award; and Emily Bragg, seventh-grade girls' basketball Ram Award. Back row: Nick Thibeault, eighth-grade boys' basketball Ram Award; and Chris Beland, seventh-grade boys' basketball Ram Award.



Photo credit Lisa Curley

## Huskies Tier III Bantam Club Win

### Gorham Hockey Players Help Team Win State Championship:

Jordan Ward (front row) as well as Carl Bear, Andrew Schmidt and Colin Harvey (back row from left to right) all participated for the Huskies Tier III Bantam club hockey team that captured the state title by defeating Maine Freeze, 3-1, February 27 at the Kennebec Ice Arena in Hallowell. Harvey scored the first two goals in the win while Ward assisted on the third goal. The team plays in the Tier III Sectionals March 18-20 at USM against teams from New England and New York. Harvey is a freshman at GHS while Ward, Bear and Schmidt are eighth-graders at GMS.



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## Barrows FROM PAGE 1

salmon geranium was a favorite of Barbara Bush, their poinsettias have graced John Travolta's island home, and their Easter lilies have been flown to Greenland by the Air Force for military personnel stationed there.

It was with mixed emotions that the decision to close was made. Since the greenhouse operations rely heavily on petroleum-based products from plastic pots and fertilizer to shipping and heating costs, the volatile oil market was a major consideration. Additionally, none of the three Allen children, who all reside out-of-state, chose to enter the family business. Operating seven days a week, the greenhouse left no time to visit family, especially grandchildren. Located in the desirable "Portland Corridor," the time had come where the land was more valuable than the business.

Generations of families have done business with the greenhouse. The Allen family feels fortunate to retire on their terms and not due to ill health or other dire circumstances.

The property has been purchased for residential development by Susan Duchaine of Design Dwellings.

# Critical Trail Link in Question

Tania Neuschafer

The Sebago to the Sea Trail project is a collaborative effort to create a 28-mile hiking (and in some areas biking) trail from Sebago Lake to Casco Bay connecting Standish, Windham, Gorham, Westbrook, Portland and Falmouth. Plans to establish the Sebago to the Sea Trail from South Windham to Westbrook were recently stalled by a \$4 million bond passed to lay rail tracks on the Mountain Division Rail corridor between South Windham & Westbrook. Because this bond did not include construction of a trail along this narrow section of the corridor, laying the rails would displace the current trail use. The bond also did not include needed improvements to other sections of the rail line, and there is no current prospect for the restoration of rail service on the Mountain Division Line.

The Mountain Division corridor is owned by the Maine Department of Transportation and was first purchased by the state for rail with trail. The understanding was that the Sebago to the Sea trail would use this section of the Mountain Division Line until rail service became active or, preferably, funding was available to engineer and build for both rail and trail along this corridor. The Sebago to the Sea Trail Coalition feels that the bond monies should be reapplied to engineer the project to include rail with trail, instead of laying tracks down right away.

Though the Sebago to the Sea Coalition supports the restoration of rail along the Mountain Division Corridor, and views rail as a crucial component of a modern transportation system, the Coalition has always shared the vision of the Mountain Division Alliance and the Maine Department of Transportation that this corridor should provide for both rail and trail. Any project proposed for the restoration of rail should also provide for the inclusion of a trail.

In light of this recent bond package, the Westbrook Trail Blazes snowmobile club, a stakeholder also affected by the trail segment proposed for closure, is petitioning that the bond money be used instead to engineer for rail with trail in this corridor instead of laying the tracks down now.

Citizens concerned about this are encouraged to contact their local legislators and the Governor.

Once complete, the Sebago to the Sea Trail will enhance a variety of natural and recreational resources in this growing suburban area and will help link the city of Portland to the shores of beautiful Sebago Lake. Much of it will be accessible for off-road bikes, and some sections will be accessible for commuters on bicycle, people of all abilities, horseback riding and snowmobiling.

For more information about the Sebago to the Sea Trail, contact pmlandtrust@yahoo.com or visit www.sebagotothesea.org.



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## March Merriment



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Steve Small, a fourth grade teacher at Village School, shared his passion for baseball with students and families at Baxter Memorial Library's March Merriment Lecture. Small discussed the history of baseball and the importance of having a passion in life, and showed off some of his treasured baseball memorabilia.

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# community



Steve and Laurie Martin of Gorham are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter **Shannon Martin** (GHS '05) to **Craig Nicely** (GHS '05). Nicely is the son of Keith and Pam Nicely of Gorham. A fall wedding is planned.



**Jennifer Rose Shaw** and **Joseph Anthony Prulello** were married on Sept. 19, 2010 at the Manor House at Commonwealth in Horsham, PA. The bride, a 1999 graduate of GHS and 2004 graduate of Temple University, is a client support manager of Kalejta Financial Management in Trappe, PA and the daughter of Jonathan and Donna Shaw of Gorham. The groom, a sales manager of Concordville Nissan and Subaru in Glen Mills, PA, is the son of MJ Prulello of Gilbertsville, PA and Joseph Prulello of King of Prussia, PA. The couple honeymooned on the Greek Isles of Mykonos and Santorini. They reside in Jeffersonville, PA.



The **USM Chamber Singers** will present a one-hour concert at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church on Sunday, Mar. 20 at 2 p.m. in preparation for the Singers' May tour of Andalusia, Spain. \$5 donation/ \$10 per family. FMI, 839-8717.



**Cameron Gagnon** was born on March 3 to parents Tatia and Philip Gagnon.



**State Rep. Jane Knapp** (R-Gorham) and **Jim Means**, also of Gorham, stand in front of the speaker's rostrum in the House Chamber.



The Gorham Woman's Club, which recently celebrated its 85th birthday, will hold their Annual Spring Benefit Luncheon featuring Nancy Kenty's famous "Chicken 'n Biscuits" on Friday, April 15 at the Cressey Road United Methodist Church and the public is encouraged to attend! GHS students will serve lunch; all proceeds go toward high school senior scholarships. Tickets for the luncheon (\$10) will be available at the GWC booth on March 26 at Gorham Marketplace or by calling Alice Keddy at 839-4579. The national organization known as the General Federation of Woman's Clubs began in 1890, says longtime member Nancy Taber. "They raised money in liberty bonds for the WWI effort, and raised money for the Red Cross and YMCA. By 1933, the GFWC founded 75% of America's public libraries, and pioneered the idea of bookmobiles."

Supporting libraries and education has been a Gorham Woman's Club goal for many years. They provide book-bags for pre-school reading groups, support the Maine Youth Leadership Conference at USM and sponsor a school newspaper called "Kind News."

## DEAN'S LIST

**Ashley Michaud** of Gorham was named to the Dean's List at the University of Hartford in West Hartford, CT.

**Jennifer Moutinho** (GHS '09) was named to the Dean's List at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA. She is a sophomore majoring in Chemical Engineering.

**Kyle Murphy** of Gorham was named to the Dean's List at Merrimack College in N. Andover, MA.

**Lucinda Pike** (GHS '08) was named to the Dean's List at Boston University for the fall semester. She is the daughter of Jeff Pike and Jana Pike.

**Arielle Sorenson** of Gorham was recently named to the Dean's List at Drew University in Madison, NJ.

The following students were named to the Dean's List at the University of Maine in Farmington: **Cynthia Bastarache**, **Andrew Dean**, **Emma Deans**, **Rachel Lamblin**, **Sara Lolley** and **Katie Vanderburgh**.

## OF INTEREST

**Army National Guard Pvt. Jared D. Gowen** graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, SC. Gowen, a 2006 graduate of GHS, is the son of Ellen Gowen of Gorham.



New members (L-R) **Lindsey**, **Stacy**, **Jennifer** and **Dale Gammon** of the West Gorham Union Church family are pictured with Pastor Gary Groves who provided an inspiring message following the ceremony.

The **St. Anne's Council of the Knights of Columbus** will hold a Baked Haddock Dinner at the St. Anne's Catholic Church Parish Hall on Friday, Mar. 18 & 25 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. \$8/\$4. Cheese pizza may be substituted for the haddock. FMI, 839-4857.

A **Public Meeting** to hear feedback on the final recommendations of the **Gorham East-West Corridor Feasibility Study** will take place March 22 from 6 to 8 pm at Westbrook High School in the Council Chambers room. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting, ask questions and make comments. FMI, visit [www.gorhamcorridor.org](http://www.gorhamcorridor.org), or contact Carol Morris at 329-6502.

**Gorham Adult Education** is seeking new volunteers to provide weekly instruction for adults who are English language learners. Tutors are needed for three new students. FMI, call Kate Rotroff at 222-1124.

**USM faculty member Anastasia Antonacos** performs "A Celebration of the Music of Liszt - 200 Years After His Birth," part of the Spotlight Concert Series on Friday, Apr. 1, at 8 p.m. Corthell Concert Hall, USM Gorham. \$15/\$10/\$5. FMI, 780-5555.

The **USM Sport Management Program** is planning an "Into the Mud Challenge"

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scheduled for Saturday, May 7 at Gorham Middle School. This 2.5 mile race will feature a number of obstacles and mud pits designed to provide participants with a muddy, fun time. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to participate in this unique event. Proceeds to benefit the USM Sport Management Scholarship Fund. Prizes for best costumes. FMI, [www.intothemudchallenge.com](http://www.intothemudchallenge.com)

**The USM Theater Department's spring musical, "Triumph of Love,"** will be performed on Mar. 18 & 19 at 7:30 p.m. and Mar. 20 at 5 p.m. at the Russell Hall Theater, Gorham campus. \$21/\$15/\$10. FMI, 780-5151.

**USM is hosting the Elks "Hoop Shoot" National Free Throw Contest** March 26 starting at 9 a.m. Players from across New England, who have all won local, district, and state championships, will participate. Admission is free.

**North Gorham Writers' Group** will present an evening of original prose and poetry on Tuesday, March 29, 2011. The free reading gets underway at 7 p.m. in the Cairn Community Room of the United Church of Christ, at the intersection of Standish Neck and North Gorham roads. Following the reading, homemade refreshments will be served. For further information call Mary Snell at 892-9831.

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# Gorham High School Presents "The Music Man" Michael Lortie

Gorham High School will present "The Music Man" April 1, 2, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m. and April 3 and 10 at 2:30 p.m.

"The Music Man" is an old time musical with many standards. Guests will surely leave singing! The musical tells the story of a loveable con artist named Harold Hill, who visits a small midwestern town and is forever changed by his experiences. The author, Meredith Wilson, describes the story as a valentine to a simpler and less complicated time where important lessons are learned growing up in a small town.

This year's play has several distinctions. There is a huge cast of 46 high school students and 26 students from Narragansett, Village and Gorham Middle School. Director Bruce Avery states: "The Music Man" presents some unique challenges. There are some younger character parts that offer vocals difficult for high school students. After casting everyone who auditioned, we found we did not have a Winthrop or an Amaryllis; these children are important to the story line and the production team decided to audition younger actors. We were thinking we could cast those two chil-

dren and five or six others. Seeing the vast number of younger students who auditioned, we ended up casting 26. This is, by far, the largest cast we have ever had! This is a unique community celebration!"

Avery continues: "One of our favorite moments was when we brought the little kids in to read and sing and they were welcomed to the high school by a rousing game of 'Duck, Duck, Goose' and an adoption into a family. Seeing the interaction of the two groups together has been fantastic!"

The other challenge the director faced was scheduling the play. In past

years, several students wanted to participate in the one-act State of Maine competition, which has always conflicted with the musical. By pushing the production back two weeks, it allowed students to participate in both.

Other members of the production team are Matt Murray, musical director; Deb Lombard, choreographer; Michael Lortie, producer; and Tyler Patton, student stage manager.

The musical will surely be a magical experience. Mark your calendar for the first two weekends in April. Tickets can be reserved by calling 839-5754.

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Opening Ceremony - Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts

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# what's happening

## FRIDAY, MARCH 18

• Gorham High School presents an encore performance of the *Elephant's Graveyard* at 7:30 p.m. in the McCormack Performing Arts Center at Gorham High School to raise money to help finance their trip to the State Competition in Camden. \$4 for students and seniors and \$6 for general admission. Large donations gratefully accepted. :)

## SUNDAY, MAR. 20

• USM Chamber Singers fundraising one-hour concert, Cressey Road United Methodist Church, 2 p.m. \$5 donation/ \$10 per family. FMI, 839-8717.

## MONDAY, MAR. 21

• Free Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program, Windham Hill UCC, 140 Windham Center Rd, Windham. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-3769.  
• Gorham Food Pantry, 6-7 p.m., located at St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

## TUESDAY, MAR. 22

• Pre-School Story time, 3-5 yrs, 9:30 a.m. Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.  
• FREE income tax preparation, 9-12 p.m. for all ages and incomes below \$75,000. Gorham Rec. Dept. Call for appt. 839-7439.

## WEDNESDAY, MAR. 23

• North Gorham Public Library, Babies in the Library, ages 0-3 yrs, 10-11 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.

## THURSDAY, MAR. 24

• Baby & Me, birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.  
• Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.  
• Book Discussion at Baxter Library, "The Glass Castle" by Jeannette Walls, 10-11:30 a.m.  
• Sewing Club, ages 7 and older, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.  
• North Gorham Public Library, Story Hour, ages 3-5 yrs, 9:30-10:30 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.  
• Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located at St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

## SATURDAY, MAR. 26

• 14th Annual Gorham Marketplace, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., USM Costello Field House. Free.  
• Bean Supper at the Bungalow, Rt. 22/

**The Gorham Ecumenical Food Pantry is open at St. Anne's Church every Thurs. from 9-11 a.m.; the second Wednesday of the month from 6-7 p.m.; and the third Monday of the month from 6-7 p.m. Open to anyone in Gorham in need of food. Located in the building behind St. Anne's Church, Main St.**

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## MONDAY, MAR. 28

• Free Food & Fellowship Ecumenical Meal Program, Windham Hill UCC, 140 Windham Center Rd, Windham. Everyone welcome. FMI, 892-3769.  
• A community dinner will be served on at 5:30 p.m. at the First Parish Congregational Church, 1 Church Street in Gorham. Enjoy roasted turkey with stuffing and the fixings. This is a free dinner sponsored by the Gorham Ecumenical Council. All are welcome.

## TUESDAY, MAR. 29

• Pre-School Story time, 3-5 yrs, 9:30 a.m. Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.  
• FREE income tax preparation, 9-12 p.m. for all ages and incomes below \$75,000. Gorham Rec. Dept. Call for appt. 839-7439.

## WEDNESDAY, MAR. 30

• North Gorham Public Library, Babies in the Library, ages 0-3 yrs, 10-11 a.m. FMI, 892-2575.

## THURSDAY, MAR. 31

• Baby & Me, birth-18 mos., 9:30 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.  
• Toddler Time, ages 18-36 mos., 10 a.m., Baxter Library. FMI, 839-5031.  
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• Gorham Food Pantry, 9-11 a.m., located at St. Anne's Catholic Church parking lot.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 1

• Gorham High School presents "The Music Man" Apr. 1-3 and Apr. 8-10. Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2:30. Reserve tickets by calling 839-5754.

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## Crazy as a Backyard Fox

South Street caller reported they had a fox in their backyard for about two hours.

**Jennifer Way caller** received mail from an unknown individual advising that they would buy caller's residence. Caller thought this was suspicious.

**Caller reported** a male beating a vehicle on the Westbrook line.

**Three calls came** in regarding people pumping gas and driving off without paying for it.

**Buck Street caller** reported they paid for 100 gallons of oil that was supposed to be delivered the previous Thursday and still had not been delivered.

**Evergreen Drive caller** reported they went to help a friend with a maintenance issue and friend assaulted caller.

**College Avenue caller** requested to speak with an officer regarding receiving unwanted phone calls from an ex-friend.

**Gray Road caller** reported suspicious activity in the area. It was an employee warming up their vehicle.

**Hutcherson Drive caller** reported suspicious activity in the area. It was the newspaper person delivering the paper.

**Ossipee Trail caller** reported a plow stuck in a snow bank that was going to be an issue when another plow comes

along.

**Glenwood Avenue caller** reported an oil delivery truck backed into their garage while making a delivery but failed to come and tell them.

**Spiller Road caller** reported that while watching their grandchild, someone came to the door, rang the doorbell and then left.

**Dingley Spring Road caller** reported that a snowmobile ran into their vehicle while caller's spouse was pumping gas.

**Officer responded** to a disturbance involving a male subject. Subject was warned for excessive horn noise.

**Caller received a phone call** from someone stating they were with the US government and asking caller to deposit money to receive a larger amount in return.

**Flaggy Meadow Road caller** reported three horses in the middle of the road.

**Three people were arrested** for OUI and one for domestic violence assault

**North Gorham Road caller** reported receiving calls from an unknown caller with sexual inferences, including a picture.

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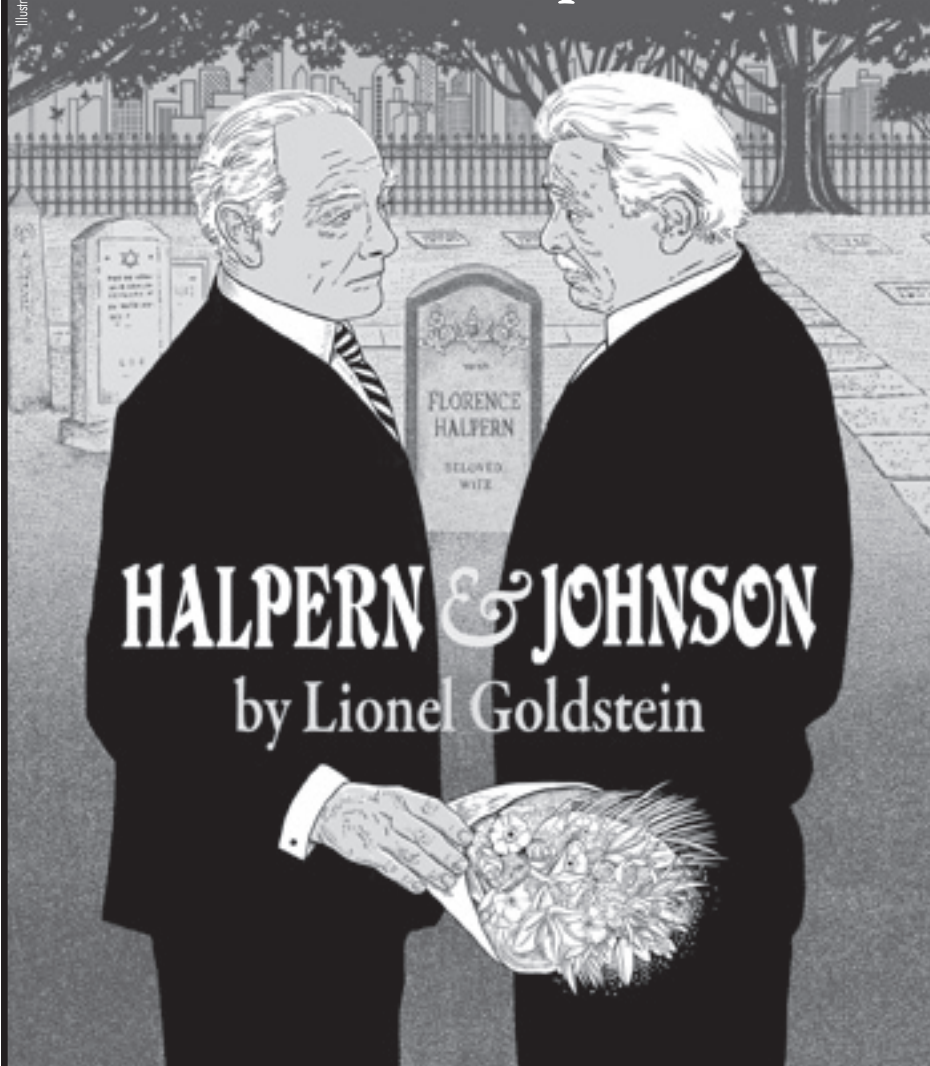
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